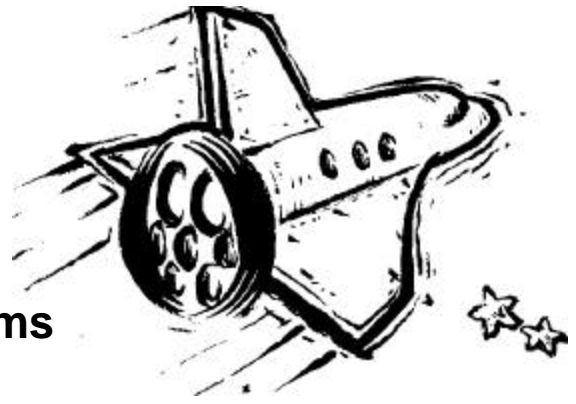


# The *Criss-Crossing* **UNIVERSE**



**Navigate the galaxy by matching the terms on the left with the clues on the right.**

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| Solar Eclipse .  | 1. The spiral galaxy we all call home   |
| Asteroids .      | 2. The organization that runs the US space program                              |
| Neptune .        | 3. When the moon darkens the sun  |
| Sun Spots .      | 4. When the earth darkens the moon  |
| Gravity .        | 5. The science of the stars, planets, and universe                              |
| Interplanetary . | 6. Common term for tiny planets, 621 miles or less in diameter                  |
| NASA .           | 7. It keeps us down to earth  |
| Crater .         | 8. The most sun-scorched planet   |
| Milky Way .      | 9. Planet noted for its rings   |
| Andromeda .      | 10. A bowl-shaped cavity on the surface of a planet or moon                     |
| Sun .            | 11. A small, frozen mass of dust and gas orbiting the sun-with a "tail"         |
| Falling Star .   | 12. Planet named after the god of war   |
| Lunar Eclipse .  | 13. Planet named after the god of the sea                                       |
| Astronomy .      | 14. The sun and planets together  |
| Vacuum .         | 15. Geomagnetic storms caused by high levels of solar activity-in plain English |
| Mercury .        | 16. A manmade object orbiting the Earth   |
| Pluto .          | 17. Between Earth and Mars, for example   |
| Saturn .         | 18. Part of ET  |
| Solar System .   | 19. The nearest large galaxy to ours-"just" 2.3 million light years away        |
| Spacecraft .     | 20. Huge planet with a red spot   |
| Comet .          | 21. This celestial body contains 99.9% of all the matter in our solar system    |
| Jupiter .        | 22. Completely empty space-you don't want to live in it                         |
| Mars .           | 23. A ship designed for orbiting the earth                                      |
| Terrestrial .    | 24. This outermost planet is smaller than our moon                              |
| Satellite .      | 25. Catch this-another name for meteor  |

**Did you know?** A "meteoroid" is the term for any of the many small, solid bodies traveling through outer space. It's called a "meteor" once it enters earth's atmosphere in a bright show of light. And once it hits ground? Then, you call it a "meteorite."

